

Life of **Lydie**

1st Issue!



Bully Blues

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Life of Lydie Bully Blues

About Life of Lydie: Bully Blues

Life of Lydie is a comic book series about a girl entering middle school named Lydie. *Life of Lydie: Bully Blues* raises awareness of bullying while empowering children in middle school who are faced with mistreatment. The story encourages friendship, cooperation, and confidence to create a better social environment.

About George Rottkamp

George Rottkamp is an illustrator and graphic designer on Long Island. His passion for illustration shows in all of his design work, particularly cartoon illustration. Through cartoon illustration, George helps to bring Lydie, the main character in *Life of Lydie*, alive.

George Rottkamp was bullied for a brief period in middle school. Kids on the bus antagonized him by throwing cereal, telling disgusting stories, and even shoving him in between the seats while pressing his backpack against his face. The experience was enough for him to realize how awful it makes people feel, and how no one should experience it.

For more Lydie information, check out:

www.LifeOfLydie.com

To learn more about the author, check out:

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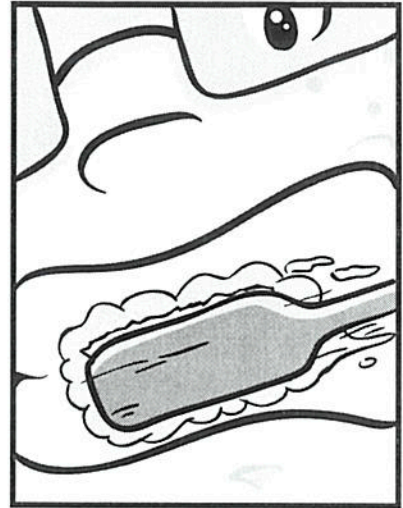
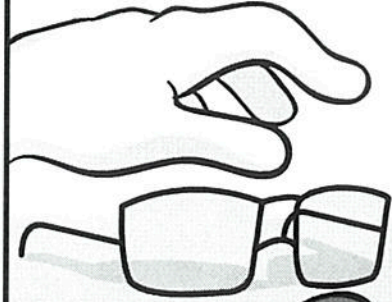
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The first day of Middle School.



Lydie,
the bus will be here
any minute.

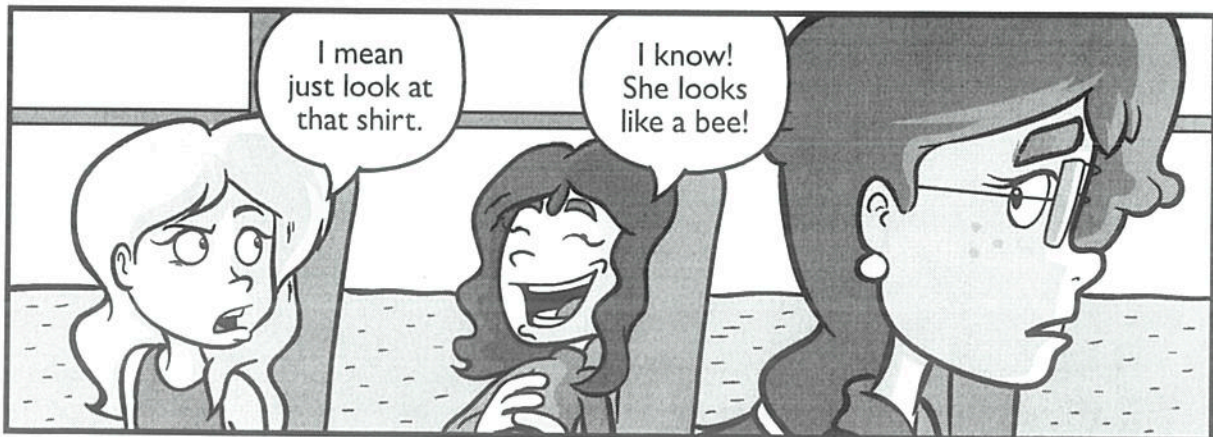
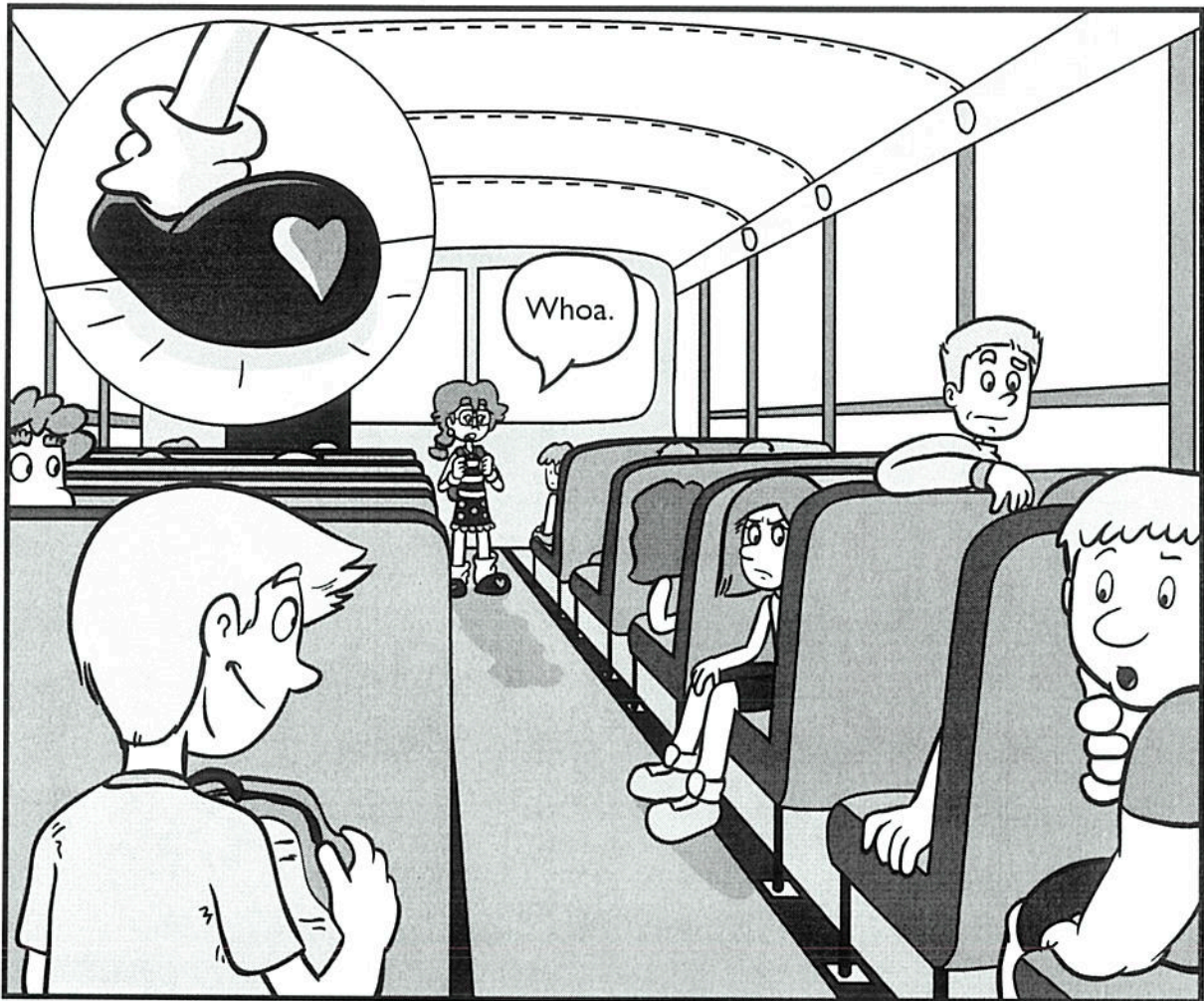
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about ready!

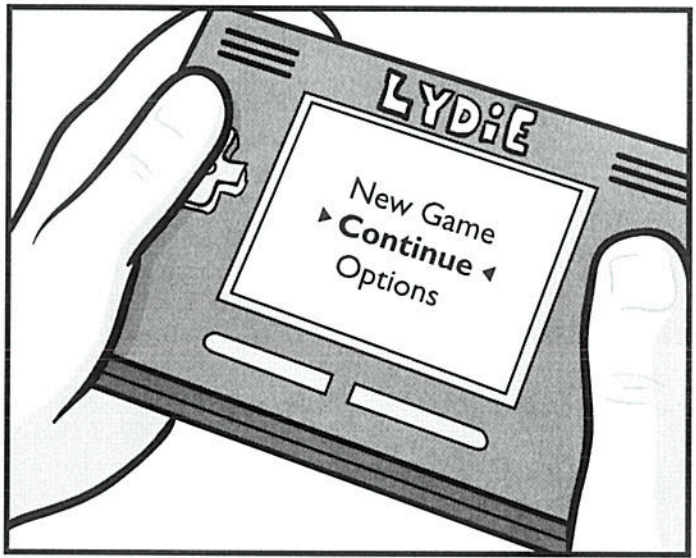
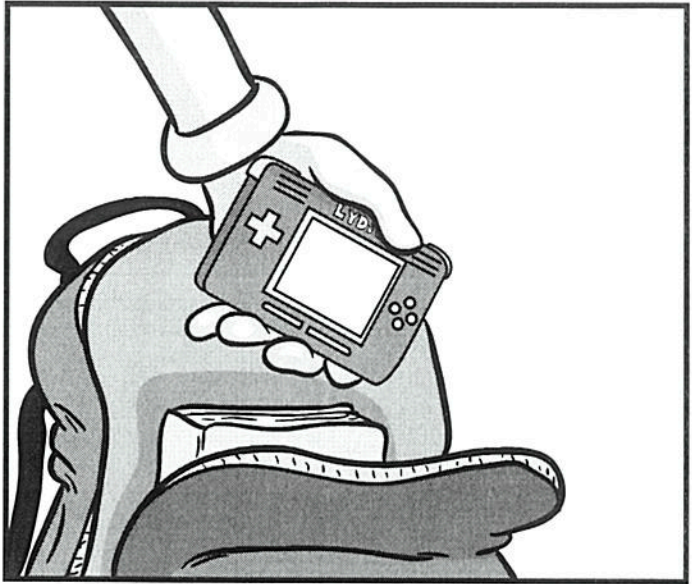
I hope so.
You don't want
to be late on your
first day.



Have fun kiddo.
I love you.

I love
you too
momma!

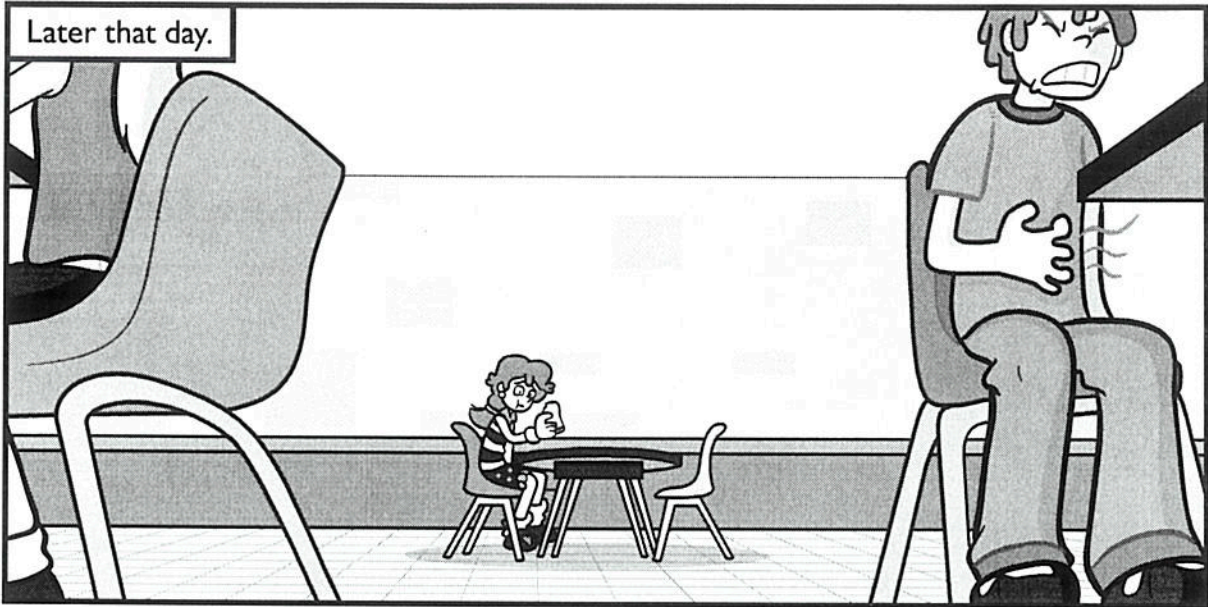


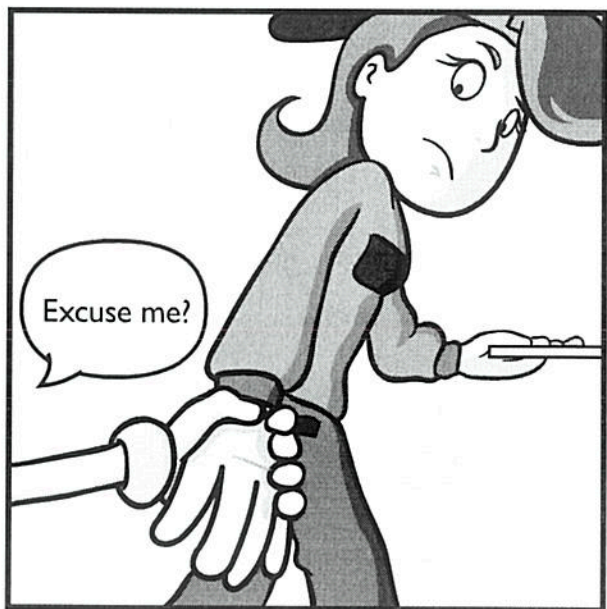
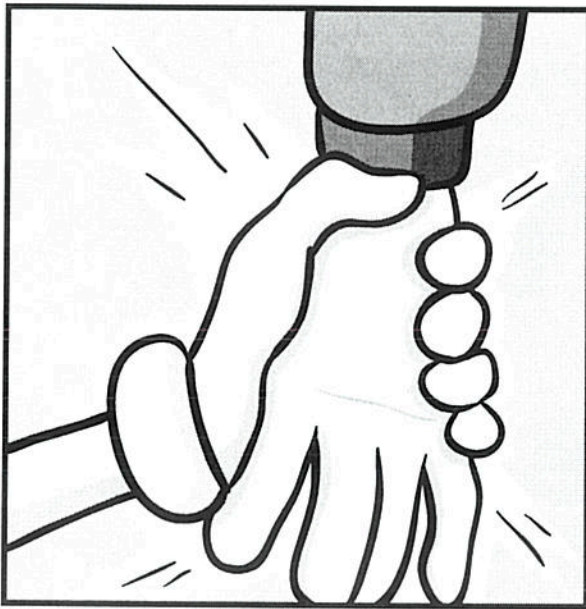
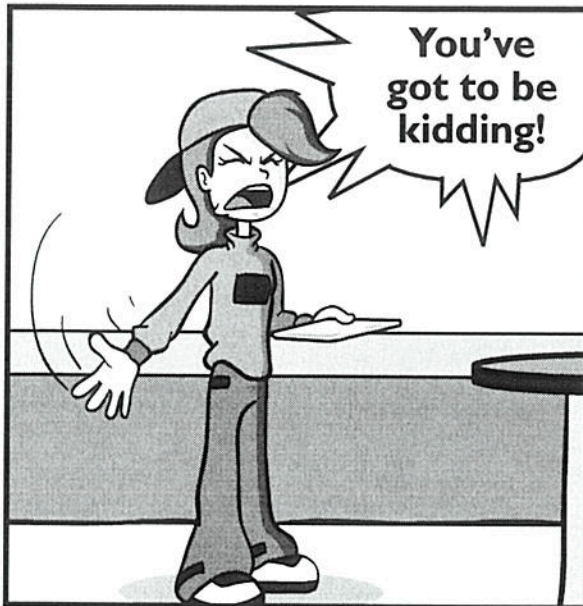






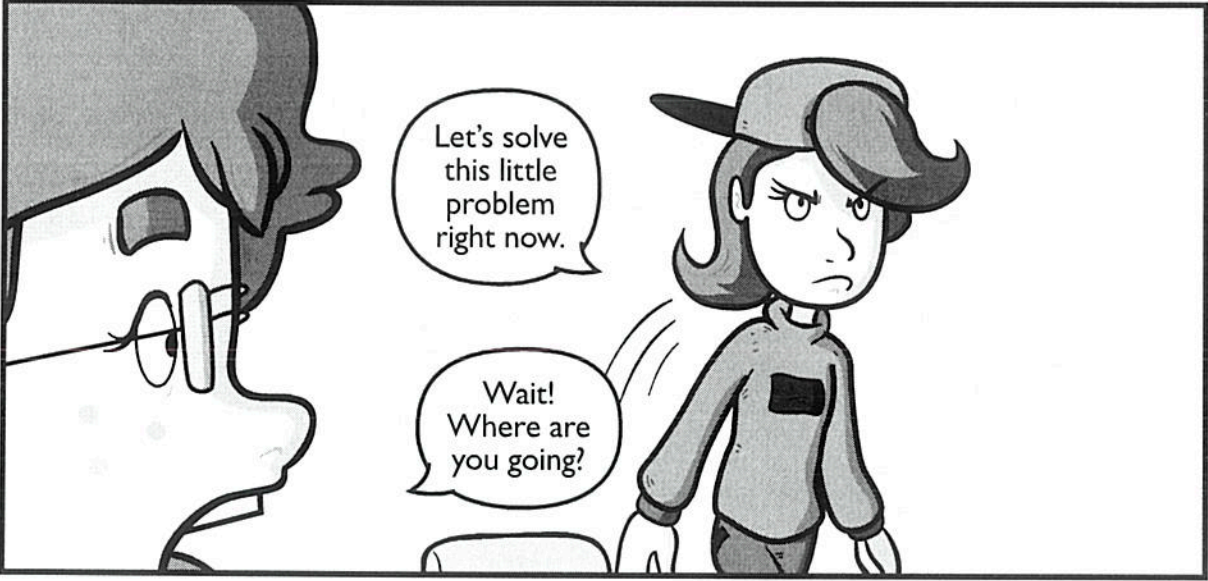
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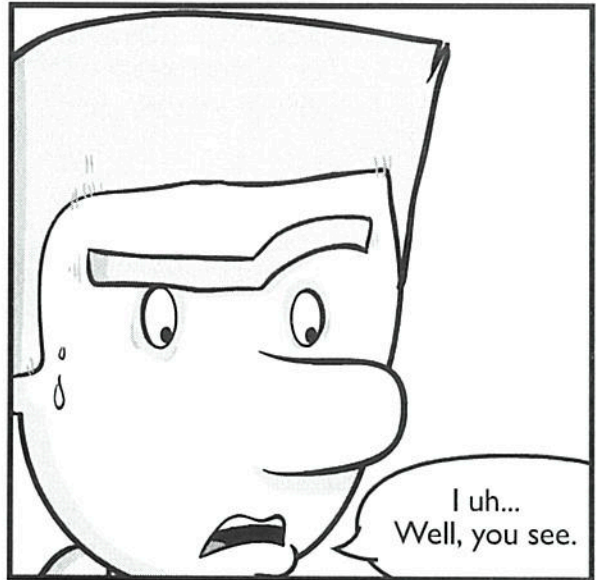
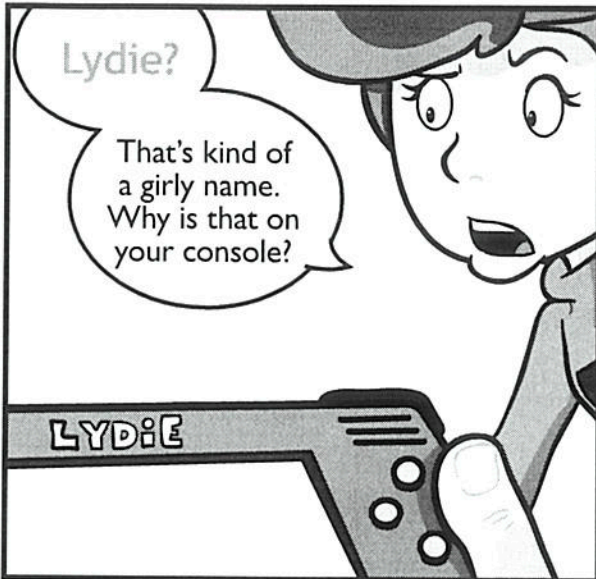


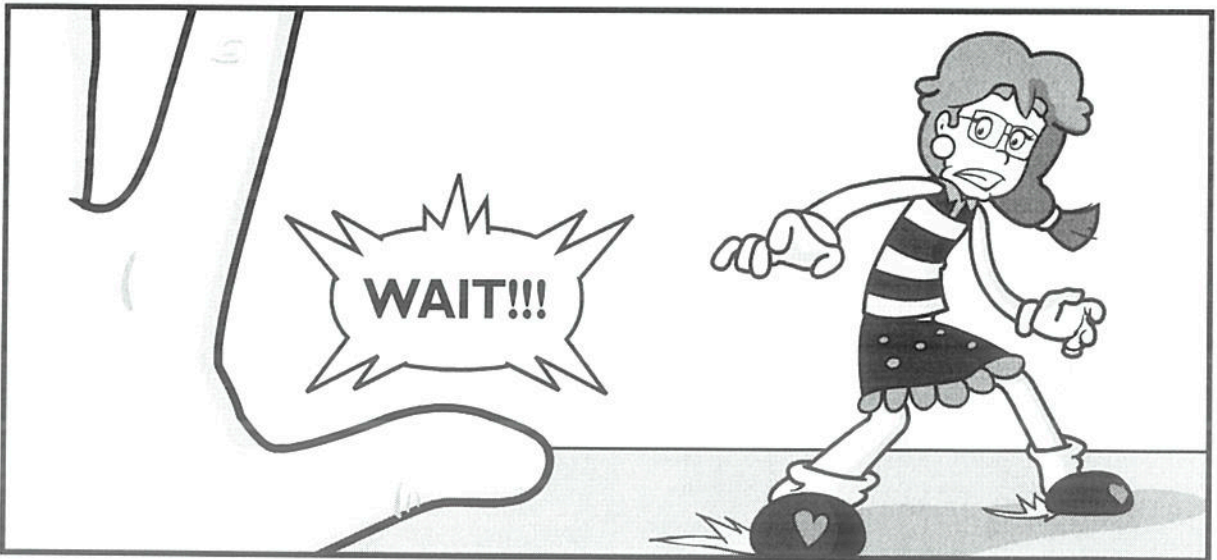
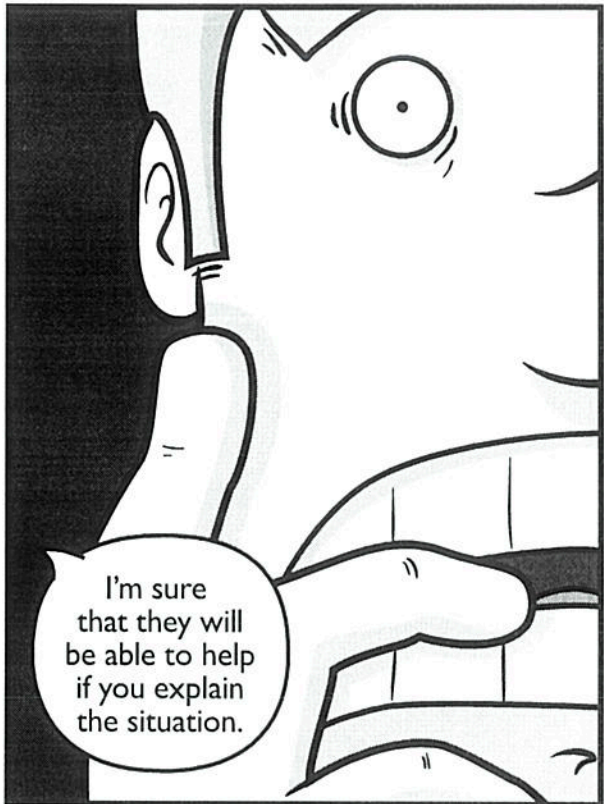




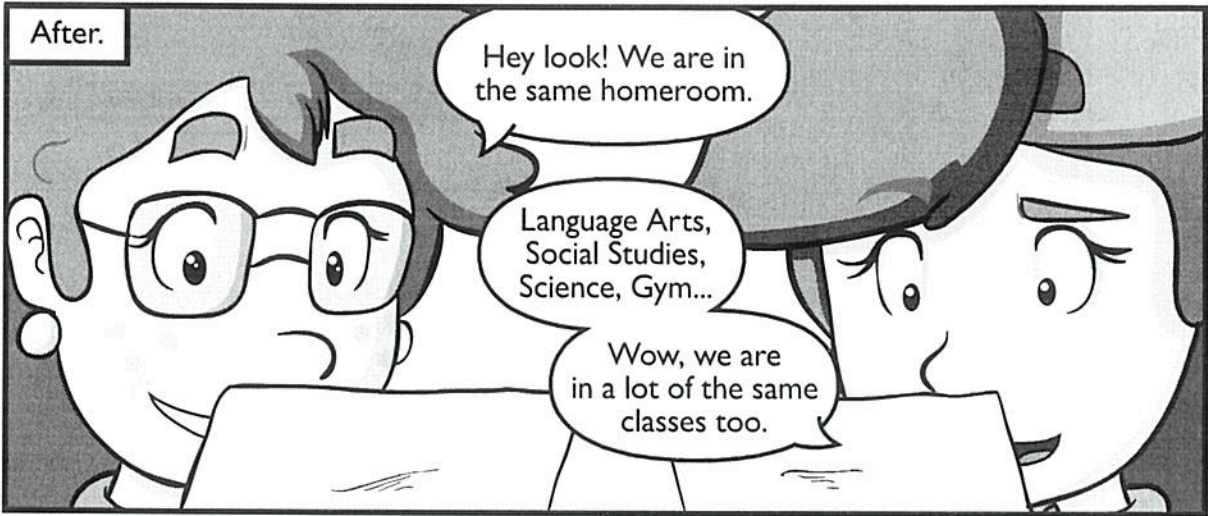












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See you next time!

The first day of class is over, but there are more to come. The school year promises new friends, adventures, and struggles. Don't relax yet **Lydie**, the future holds many surprises!



Stay tuned for **Lydie** in early 2015 for her upcoming book:

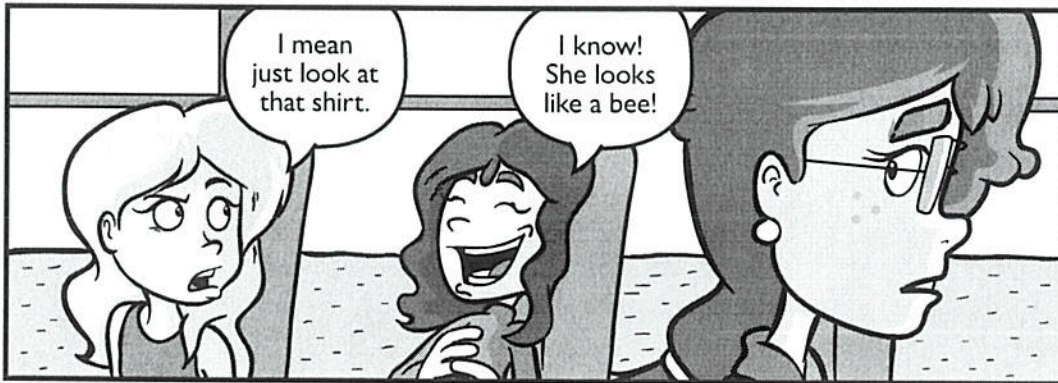
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**A word
from Lydie**

Bullying in Schools

Bullying is a problem for kids in many schools, and is not specific to any social group. This mistreatment exists in various forms and some incidents go unreported because the victim fears further mistreatment if they defend themselves. In some cases, bystanders who witness the event will encourage the bully, or not do anything at all. Bullying is pathetic, and no one should have to endure it.



Page 2: Relational Bullying



Page 5: Physical Bullying



Possible Solutions

What can you do?

Bullies get their power by making their victims feel fear. Fear is a powerful feeling, but it doesn't have to control you. Here are a few things that you can try if you, or someone you know is having problems with bullies.

1) Tell a Teacher

Teachers are not only around to teach classes. They are also there to help students with any type of problem. A teacher can resolve a bullying conflict before it gets any worse, so don't be afraid to ask them for help.

2) Talk to your Parents

Never be afraid to talk your parents. They are supposed to be there to support you, and may be able to give helpful advice on how to avoid bullying.

3) Walk away

Many bullies feed off of the reactions of their victims. Sometimes all it takes is to ignore them and walk away from the conflict to show the bully that you don't care.

4) Stick together with Friends

Talking to friends about how bullying makes you feel can help relieve the pressure. Friends should also stand up for each other or work together to figure out a solution.

5) Sit in the front of the Bus

It is difficult for the bus driver to keep an eye on how kids are behaving on the bus. Sitting in the front seat makes it easier for the driver to see if there is a problem.

Need Extra Help? Check these Out!

To learn more about bullying prevention, check out these resources online. They may have the information needed to help you, or someone you know who is bullied.

Pacer.org/Bullying

StompOutBullying.org

StopBullying.gov

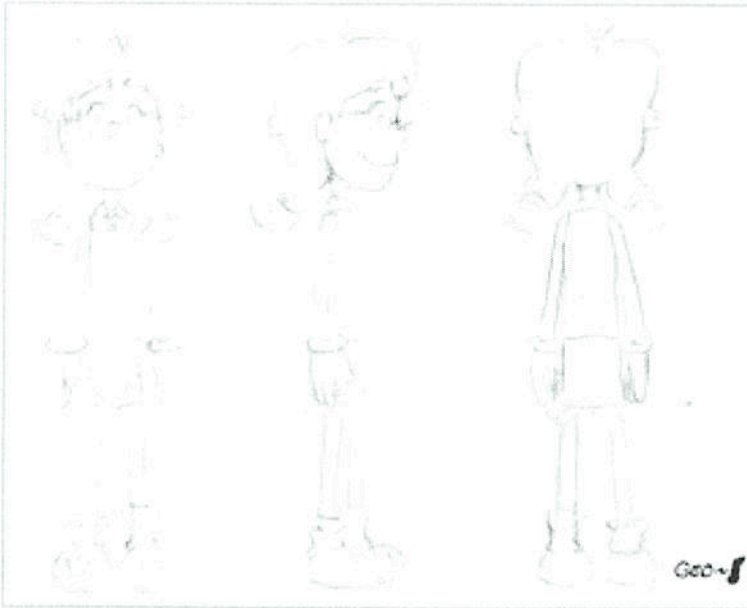
TheBullyProject.com



Concept Sketches

Building a Foundation

Life of Lydie is built from the ground up by its creator George Rottkamp, so the ideas for the final comic book had to start somewhere. Check out some of the early concept sketches of Lydie in preparation for the book!



Lydie Character Turnaround



Lydie and Nora in the Hallway



For more information on Lydie, check out:
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CONSENT FOR INITIAL EVALUATION

Please complete, sign and return this form to the address below

05/18/2015

RE: Kailee Coppola
DOB: 09/24/2004 ID#: 1422662

Levittown UFSD
Committee on Special Education
Levittown Memorial Education Center
150 Abbey Lane
Levittown, NY 11756

I have received and understand the notice that my child has been referred to the Committee on Special Education for evaluation to determine if my child has a disability that may require special education services. I understand that I must give written consent to the district in order for my child to be evaluated.

I have also received a copy of the Procedural Safeguards Notice.

Please check one box:

- I hereby grant consent for evaluation by the Committee on Special Education as indicated below:

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Educational Evaluation

Psychological Evaluation


Medical Evaluation

Social History

Speech/Language Evaluation

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Parent/Guardian
(Print Name)



Signature



Date